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President: Mr. Mérorès ..... (Haiti)

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The meeting was called to order at 4.45 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (*continued*)

Election of seven members to the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

1. **The President** invited the Council to elect seven members to the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission for a two-year term beginning on 1 January 2009 in accordance with the provisions of the draft resolution that the Council had adopted at its previous meeting (E/2008/L.7/Rev.1), without prejudice to any future decision on organizational arrangements for the Commission that might be taken during the 2010 review process. Algeria, Guinea-Bissau and Morocco had been endorsed by the Group of African States; the Republic of Korea had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Poland had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; El Salvador had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Luxembourg had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States. Since the number of candidates from the Group of Asian States, the Group of Eastern European States, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and the Group of Western European and other States was equal to the number of vacancies for each group, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

2. *It was so decided.*

3. **The President** recalled that only members of the Council could be elected by the Council to serve on the Organizational Committee. Since El Salvador would cease to be a Council member at the end of 2009, the Chairman of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States had informed him that the Group had endorsed Brazil to complete El Salvador's term of office, from January to December 2010.

4. Similarly, Algeria would cease to be a member of the Council at the end of 2009. Accordingly, the Chairman of the Group of African States had informed him that the Group had endorsed Egypt to complete Algeria's term of office, from January to December 2010, on the assumption that Egypt would become a member of the Council in 2010.

Resignation of a member of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

5. **The President** invited the Council to elect one member to the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS). He had been informed that the delegation of Ireland had recently tendered its resignation from the Board, effective 31 December 2008, and that the Group of Western European and other States had endorsed the United Kingdom to complete Ireland's term of office. He took it that the Council wished to elect the United Kingdom to complete the unexpired portion of Ireland's term on the Board, from 1 January to 31 December 2009.

6. *It was so decided.*

Nomination of a member of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

7. **The President** invited the Council to elect one member of the Group of African States to the Committee for Programme and Coordination. He recalled that, subsequent to its nomination by the Council in April 2008, Swaziland had withdrawn its candidacy for election to the Committee by the General Assembly. The Chairman of the Group of African States had advised him that South Africa was a candidate for that seat. In the absence of any other candidate, he took it that the Council wished to nominate South Africa for election to a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2009.

8. *It was so decided.*

The meeting rose at 4.50 p.m.